



THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT (SEEE) ACT

The bipartisan Chesapeake Bay Science, Education and Ecosystem Enhancement (SEEE) Act strengthens the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) commitment to the Chesapeake Bay and provides NOAA with resources to support ongoing federal, state and local efforts to restore the Bay, manage fisheries and expand environmental education opportunities.

Specifically, the Chesapeake Bay SEEE Act would:

- **Reauthorize the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, a leading partner in the Bay restoration effort and fishery community.** The bill allows the NOAA Bay Office to collaborate with universities, nonprofits and other stakeholders to promote integrated coastal observations – including monitoring and observing restoration activities in the Bay, collecting and analyzing data related to marine resources and organizing information for use by policymakers, resource managers and the public.
- **Direct NOAA to support coordinated management, protection, characterization and restoration of Bay habitats and living resources,** as well as the Interpretative Buoy System along the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.
- **Authorize the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) program,** which awards education grants to better connect residents to the Bay.
- **Provide critical resources for the NOAA Bay Office to fulfill its mission and enhance the Chesapeake Bay region.** The bill includes a four-year reauthorization, from FY2022 through FY2025, starting at \$17 million in FY2022 and increasing to \$22.6 million by FY2025.

ENDORISING ORGANZIATIONS

Chesapeake Bay Commission, Chesapeake Bay Foundation,
Chesapeake Conservancy and Choose Clean Water Coalition